

GULF COAST BREEZE.

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EDITORIAL.

A patent was granted last week to Mr. I. F. Eastham, of Leroy Fla., for a cash fastener.

While Florida was enjoying the Gulf coast breezes last week, Massachusetts was shivering in a drift of snow.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," and far from easily lies the head that wears a presidential hat in Europe.

The Sultan evidently thinks that his Turkey would be very much improved by the addition of a little of King George's Greece.

It is well understood by his closest friends, says the Pensacola News, that Colonel Chipley is not a candidate for any office whatever.

Consul General Lee has resigned his position in Cuba, and will come home as soon as his successor is appointed, which will probably be very soon.

Durant must hang on July 9, if his lawyers cannot convince a Federal court within that time that they have a right to interfere with the sentence of a state court.

The editor of the Fort Myers Press is a brave man. He should be appointed to a command in Cuba for his courage. He umpired a game of Baseball last week.

Hawkinsville, Ga., got a lively shaking up last week by a hail storm. Some of the buildings at the fair grounds were blown down and the school house and residences were damaged.

An attempt was made last Sunday to assassinate Felix Faure, president of the French Republic. A dynamite bomb thrown by a hidden assassin exploded near his carriage but did him no harm.

Chickens and eggs are to this country what Washington pie is to the Baker's shop, they save the country. The New York World says that the product of the American hen for one year is two hundred and ninety million dollars.

There should be no clash between the people and the railroads. The people need the railroads and the railroads need the people, and a friendly understanding between the two and a harmonious working together would be far better for each.

Ex-Senator Call says that he was cheated out of the senatorship by a traitor, and names Mr. John N. C. Stockton as the Judas. He says that Stockton was to fight for a few days, and then turn the reins over to him again but did not do it.

It seems that the late race for U. S. Senator gave each defeated candidate all he wanted of politics. Each is now declaring himself out. We don't blame them. That race was enough to cure any case of office fever, even if it had become chronic.

Princess Anne, Maryland, a little town almost under the shadow of the capital at Washington, was the scene last week of a lynching bee that caps the climax of mob violence. The victim, a negro, had just been tried, convicted and sentenced to hang for an assault upon a white woman, but in the face of the judgement of the court, and against the protests of the judge, the mob rushed into the court room, overpowered the officers, and beat the prisoner to death, then strung up his dead body and riddled it with bullets. Such a mob as that is as dangerous to society as a rapist.

"Delays of the law," has ever been the excuse offered by the apologists of mob violence for such outrages against law, but when a judge convenes a special term of court, tries convicts and sentences a criminal to be hanged, within a few hours after the commission of the crime, and then a mob rushes in, overpowers the officers and beats the prisoner to death in the court room, as was done last week in Princess Anne, Maryland, it leads one to suspect that mob violence is as often the result of depraved leadership as the result of the law's delays.

A small cannon to take the place of a baseball pitcher has been invented by Prof. Hinton, and was used in a match game played last Thursday at Princeton N. J. The next thing in order is a machine to bat the ball and another machine to catch it, then the boys can sit under an umbrella and watch the game, with the rest of the audience, and go home at the end of the game without any broken bones.

Speaking of the new railroad commission, Col. R. H. M. Davidson, one of the commissioners, says the policy of the commissioners will be conservative. In fact any other course would be detrimental to the best interests of all concerned. The law is a new one. The commissioners will have to thoroughly acquaint themselves with its provisions, consequently the operations of the commission must necessarily be entered upon with caution.

It seems that the natives of India are not particularly sweet on their British rulers. Every now and then a dissatisfied element rise up in arms and slaughter the men put over them by the British government. Another batch of 25 soldiers and three commanding officers were massacred last week and a similar number wounded by a mob of infuriated natives in the Tochi valley.

Kissing a pretty girl is one of the few luxuries of life that a poor man can enjoy with greater freedom than a rich man. It cost a rich old busser of Boston twenty thousand dollars his damages, for trying to kiss one of his pretty employees; when one of the poor boys about the place might have stolen a dozen kisses from her pretty lips without the slightest damage to either.

W. W. Keep, the veteran editor of the Quincy Herald, the oldest editor in Florida, died Friday of paralysis.

STATE NEWS.

Gus Sunday, an invalid from rheumatism, committed suicide in Pensacola Saturday.

The Leesburg Commercial says that watermelon growers are faring well this year.

Judge J. W. Craig Sr., of Bluff Springs, Escambia county, died Thursday, from the effects of a dose of Carbolio acid, taken through mistake. He was 63 years old.

It is reported at Tampa that a man named Romell was killed last week at St. Andrews bay, by wild hogs, and his body was recovered by three companions after being badly mutilated by the hogs.—Ex.

A parrot in Orlando Friday night gave the alarm of a burglar trying to enter the rooms of Mrs. Sarah G. Veach and A. E. Winans, arousing the ladies from sleep, who saw the thief jump from a window.—Leesburg Commercial.

Ten barrels of Irish potatoes from a plot of land less than an eighth of an acre in extent, is what Major Lines, of Madison county gathered from his patch last week, in addition to large quantities used upon his table before.—Ex.

During May there was shipped from Punta Gorda ten thousand two hundred and fifty two tons of phosphate, two thousand six hundred and eighteen tons going to foreign ports. Total for 1897, 45 thousand and sixty five tons.—Leesburg Commercial.

The steamer Three Friends, was released last Monday. Judge Locke thought that the evidence failed to show that this plucky little craft had been fitted out and armed in the United States. This decision will not be apt to meet the approval of Spain, but Cuba is "shut delighted," as the Dutchman would say.

The smallest man in the world is Gen. Abe Sawyer, of Key West. Although he is only 23 inches high and weighs only two pounds to the inch, he has figured prominently in the politics of Key West and gained some notoriety in the editorial field. Now, according to the Fort Myers Press, he says he is searching for a wife—none of the little, dried up sort, but a tall fine looking lady. Such a lady, the little general says, to travel with him and make an independent fortune by exhibiting him as her husband. Now is the chance for some fair damsel to secure a fortune and a husband.

Isaac Barrett, a brutal colored firm hand employed by Mr. J. T. Hewson, of Orange Dale, St. Johns county, attempted to annihilate the entire family last Thursday with a piece of scantling. Mr. Hewson was knocked senseless, his wife and little 7 year old son had their skulls crushed in, two other children and the 16 year old daughter fought the rascal off and escaped serious injury. After being arrested, and while on the way to jail, Barrett snatched a guard's gun, and defied further proceeding. He was finally overpowered by a party of men who arrived on the scene at this juncture, and soon he was dangling at the end of a rope. The little boy is reported dead, but the balance of the family are recovering.

Remember that the BREEZE blows for all, and for every section of Wakulla county alike. It is our desire and intention to wait it into the home of every citizen of the county if possible. Sample copies have been sent to the head of every family in the county whose address we could learn. If any have failed to get a copy, they can get a sample free of charge by sending us their address.

QUEER CORN.

A new variety of corn, secured in Camilla, Ga., by Mr. Noah T. Pelt, and planted on about a half acre of his cowpen land near town, bids fair to rival in prolific productivity the famous Carter's oats.

In addition to a large full grained ear each stalk has an extra large tassel covered with fully developed grains, filling the little pods, or cups, that ordinary corn holds the pollen mass. Little miniature ears, perfect in form with shuck, cob, silks or pistils, and a complete except grains also appear here and there, all over the tassel making it a fine forage.

Another peculiarity of this strange corn, and which adds much to its forage qualities, is that each grain is covered by a separate and distinct miniature shuck, just like it was a separate ear of corn, and the entire ear is covered with a large extra thick shuck, giving it the outward appearance of an ordinary ear.

Mr. Pelt presented the BREEZE office with a sample ear and tassel, which can be seen by those who desire to do so.

For shelling purposes this corn is not very desirable, but for chopping up for horse and cow feed, we imagine it is fine.

Fort Myers Press:—

Chas. Leathlean and family and Tom Roberts have been having an outing at Wiggins Pass a few miles this side of Naples. On last Saturday, while the men were fishing on the grouper banks, a quarter of a mile out in the gulf, Jim, the youngest of Mr. Leathlean's three boys, fell overboard into the pass from the boat. The tide was running out swiftly at the time, and the little fellow, who was eight years old, was carried along with it. The eldest boy, Cranford, a boy of about 12 years, jumped into the water, to his brother's aid, but after trying to secure him was compelled to let him go or be dragged down with him. Mrs. Leathlean sprang into a small boat and also tried to rescue the boy, but he had now disappeared, and by the time the two men had reached shore, his body had been swept out into the gulf by the strong ebb tide. For hours the men hunted for the body and finally were rewarded by finding it washed up on the beach.

Florida oranges have become so popular in the markets of the world, that Louis Contensin & Son, Italian fruit dealers of New York, began some years ago to plant the Florida seed in Italy, and this fruit is beginning to come back to America. The New York Times says: The first consignment of a fine lot of Florida oranges grown in Italy was displayed yesterday by Louis Contensin & Son, at 2 State Street. The fruit ripens in Italy after the Florida product has been marketed, and therefore is particularly acceptable here. These oranges of American nativity are exactly like the Indian River fruit—sweet, luscious, juicy and fine skinned.

Leesburg Commercial:—

The orange groves in this part of the State are growing and flourishing. In a few years they will again be in full bearing when the flood tide of prosperity may be expected to rise. The tobacco industry by that time will also be a very important source of revenue to the people.

Fort Myers Press:—

The river in the vicinity of the two docks is alive with tiny tarpon, from little fellows just hatched out to the size of three and four inches.

Frogs and lizards are harmless creatures and as they live on bugs and grasshoppers their friendship is worth cultivating in Florida.

Legal Advertisements.

STATEMENT.

Made under Sec. 34, chapter 4322, laws of Florida, showing the amount charged to the Tax Collector of Wakulla county Florida, to be collected for the current year, 1896, and the apportionment of the same to the several funds for which such taxes were levied, including poll tax with county school fund.

Total amount charged, \$5,072.08.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897, 4,502.45.
1,469.63

APPORTIONMENT.

County proper tax, 2,304.52.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897, 1,922.82.
381.70

County School Tax, 2,975.52.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897, 2,132.73.
842.79

Judgement tax, 230.48.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897, 182.29.
48.19

Fine and forfeiture tax, 460.96.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897, 364.56.
96.40

Attest J. J. Harrell,
June 9th, 1897. Clerk Circuit Court.

Financial Statement.

Of the Board of Public Instruction of Wakulla County.

RECEIPTS.

1897.
May 1st To Bal. in hand, \$1,121.54.
4th Pm R. B. Council, Col. Rev. 228.97.
22nd " W. C. Rouse ex-Col. Rev. 110.40.
1,460.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 3 Henry Waldron, teacher's salary, No. 467 \$10.00.
" W. J. Gray, teachers sal. " 1 month 468 25.00.
" F. T. Green " " 469 25.00.
" B. G. Thompson teacher's salary, No. 470 17.50.
" Miss Mamie Farley teachers salary " 471 17.50.
" J. W. William teachers salary " 472 35.00.
" W. F. Haynes teachers salary " 473 25.00.
" Mitche C. Hilliard teachers salary " 474 35.00.
" Luther Becker, appropriation " 475 5.00.
" J. W. White 1 day on board " 476 2.50.
" T. T. Rudd 1 day on board " 477 3.00.
" Geo. C. Floyd 1 day on board " 478 3.50.
" S. M. Revels 1 month salary " 479 14.56.
" S. K. Causseaux 1 month salary as teacher " 480 18.00.
\$ 272.76
Bal. 1,188.19
1,460.95

We certify that the above report is true and correct in every particular. Attest
S. M. Revels,
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.

COMMISSIONERS SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the circuit court for the second Judicial circuit of Florida, in and for Leon county, in chancery, sitting rendered on the 25th day of February 1897, in a cause wherein Egbert Nims is complainant, and Fred E. Nims, John J. Nims, Mary Julia Nims, Edgar Nims, and Cathbert Nims, Florence Nims and Della Nims infants, and Jesse Lee Ratcliff, and J. A. Ratcliff, her husband, and in right of his said wife, are defendants, we will sell at public auction, before the court house door of Wakulla county, in Crawfordville Florida, between the legal hours of eleven o'clock a. m., and 2 o'clock p. m., on Monday the 5th day of July, A. D. 1897, to the highest bidder for cash, for purpose of division in above cause, the following parcels of land, situate in Wakulla county Florida to wit: The one half undivided interest of the following to wit: The east half of section thirty three, township two, South, Range one, West; and West half of north west quarter, and north half of south east quarter, and south west quarter, and east half of north west quarter of section thirty four, township two, south, range one, west, purchaser to pay for deeds.

W. A. Rawls,
T. H. Randolph,
B. A. Meginniss,
Commissioners in said cause.
George B. Perkins,
Solicitor for complainant.